

## DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

A Man, a Woman, a Button  
and a Thread.

THE EYE AS A MARK OF BEAUTY.

A Very Useful Lesson—A German Birthday  
Gift—For Old Ladies—To Improve  
the Complexion—General.

## The Romance of a Button.

He was about to say adieu.  
He was thinking of some word to flatter  
her from his overcoat there.  
A button, with a dismal clatter.He blundered, but she with woman's tact,  
As if she saw a good job in it,  
Cried laughingly, "There now! I'll set  
Your tailor's part for just a minute."He doffed the coat and watched her thread  
The needle, with the thread he was sending.  
"Now do you know," he softly said,  
"I have an awful lot of mending!"A bachelor, we'll say, like me,  
Is at the mercy of his tailor;  
And then, there's something else, you see,  
(At this he turned a little paler):My heart needs mending much I fear,  
Do you suppose that you could do it?  
"Well, I don't know," she smiled, "but dear,  
I'll give my whole attention to it."

## As to Marriage.

Says one, who ought to know: "I agree  
in a way, with the match-making mamma.  
Marriage, even as a failure, is more to be  
desired than single blessedness as a suc-  
cess. It is always a negative success—the  
being single. Its woes, its worries, its  
troubles, its griefs are intensified because  
they are borne alone; and I can tell you  
there is a great deal of truth in a re-  
mark made by a young man, that she  
would rather have Jack, even when drunk,  
to cry out her woes to, than to have to  
take them out on a maid with a hair brush. To  
be sure, Jack "in his cups" may not be a  
thing of beauty or of grace, but he is her  
own. Jack cross may be hard to persuade  
into amiability; but when you are cross he  
understands the same task. Jack happy  
makes sunshine for you, and nine times  
out of ten, Jack being drunk, Jack being  
cross, or Jack being happy, depends on  
yourself. You see, I am a little inclined  
to take the man's side—because I know so  
many women. I am an ardent advocate of  
marriage, good and bad, but I believe that  
the making of it good, bad or  
indifferent is largely in the hand that wears  
the wedding ring.Do you remember, my dear matron, what  
your feelings were immediately after you  
had spoken the first unkind word to your  
husband? Did you not feel ashamed and  
grieved, and yet too proud to admit it?  
Just that was it, and ever will be, your  
evil genius! It is the temper which labors  
incessantly to destroy your peace, which  
cheats you with an evil delusion that your  
husband deserves your anger, when he  
really most requires your love. If your  
husband is hasty and hot tempered, so  
much the more need of an example of  
patience and forbearance on your part, to  
elude as well as teach him. Your violence  
may alienate his heart, and your neglect  
may lead him to desperation. Besides, it is  
the worst possible policy in the end of en-  
gaging your point, for one smile will do more  
towards winning him over to your way of  
thinking than twenty frowns. Never  
mind suffering and all that sort of thing.  
Let the man of the country manage his  
laws and attend to the treasury and elect  
his officers—but let the women see to it,  
and especially the wives, that the men are  
so well and wisely governed that they  
never suspect the leading string.

## A Woman's Eyes.

A woman's eyes, those tell-tale windows  
of the soul, are the best of all indexes to  
her character. She may govern her words  
and train the expression of her face, but  
by the agency of the eye she can never  
naïve off impudent boldness for courage, or  
tricky simulation for modesty. To the  
wise woman her eyes are her worst enemies,  
as to the pure woman they are her best  
friends. A pretty face is far less to be  
prized than a pair of eyes, and though female  
beauty is not to be undervalued, it is very  
often overvalued. A well known employer  
who has about two thousand girls in his  
store and work rooms was asked whether  
a pretty girl could sell more goods than an  
ordinary looking one. After some hesita-  
tion, he answered doubtfully: "Yes, if she  
has other qualifications besides." Beauty  
alone, he said, will never lure money from  
a careful customer; and when a girl is too  
conscious of her good looks, and depends  
upon it for her power to please, it is sure  
to become a hindrance. The intelligent  
mind, the winning manner, the earnest  
purpose are the "other qualifications"  
which give success.

## A Useful Lesson.

A lady of my acquaintance, who is a  
most persistent as well as a pretentious  
shopper, although she buys very little, was  
taught a useful lesson the other day. After  
she had teased the shopman of a millinery  
establishment beyond the limit of forbear-  
ance, having everything imaginable pulled  
down and spread out for her, only to be  
criticized and commented on and his word  
disputed, she at last, after two long hours,  
purchased a 6 cent spool of cotton and  
ordered it sent home to her. Soon after  
her arrival home, she was surprised and  
her neighbors intensely interested by the  
spectacle of a common dray, drawn by four  
horses, proceeding slowly up the street  
and stopping at her door. On the dray,  
with bare arms, were a number of stalwart  
laborers. They were looking on vigorously  
to some object she could not see. It was a  
puzzling affair, both to herself and the  
staring neighbors. After a deal of whip-  
cracking and other impressive ceremonies,  
the cart was backed against the curb.  
There, right end up in the centre of the  
cart, calmly reposed the identical spool of  
cotton that she had purchased. With the  
aid of a plank it was rolled, rolled, hur-  
riedly, to the pavement. After a mortal  
struggle, it was at last up-ended by the six  
stalwart men on the purchaser's doorstep  
—and the fact that she came out a little  
later, in a lowering rage, and kicked it off  
into the gutter, did not detract from the  
effect of the lesson.

## A German Birthday Gift.

In German families a favorite birthday  
gift is what is known as a "wonder ball,"  
and is made by winding a skein of yarn or  
worsted into a ball and hiding little gifts  
here and there within it. Select yarn that  
you know will be useful; take the prettiest  
present for the foundation, and wind  
until it is covered. Then put in another,  
over that and so on, until all the gifts are  
hidden. Of course, they cannot be found  
until the yarn is knit off, hence these balls  
are sometimes said to be for lazy people.  
Certainly the stocking or mitten grows  
much faster when every little while a  
pretty present drops out. Such a ball  
usually affords amusement for the whole  
family, especially if the gifts are from dif-  
ferent individuals and no one has seen any  
except his own.

## For Old Ladies.

A pleasant word for old ladies and invalid  
children is found in the making of what are  
called "baby's balls." At the end of the  
harmless season, the balls that have seen  
good service become battered and soft and  
are discarded as no longer useful. In New  
York, an energetic caterer for bachelors has  
collected hundreds of these, covered them  
with bright worsteds, and sells them for  
25 cents each for babies to roll about. For  
church fairs, you will find that a tray full  
—red, green, orange, pink and blue balls  
piled one above another, labelled "baby's  
balls"—will go off like hot cakes. The  
making of them is easy and pleasant. Holdthe ball in your left hand and bind a piece  
of string over it to form six divisions,  
keeping your fingers and thumbs tightly  
on. Take a needle and thread, secure the  
string at each end, and fasten well. Then  
with a needle full of worsted, work round  
and round till the ball is covered, passing  
the needle under, and then twice over, each  
piece of string to form a ridge all the way  
around. If the needle is merely passed  
smooth, and the effect is not so pretty.  
(Cable ends of wool and wools can be  
used in making many colors; and bits of  
chenille or arrasene worked in adds to their  
richness. Try it.)

## To Improve the Complexion.

One of the best methods of improving  
the complexion is not by clogging the pores  
with oils and powders, and cosmetics, but  
to keep the pores well open by the judicious  
use of soap and water. Have rain water,  
well warmed, and with white castle soap  
make a good suds with which wash the face  
thoroughly just before retiring. After the  
washing, rinse in clear warm water and  
dry with a soft towel. In the morning  
wash in clean water omitting the soap. If  
necessary to go out at once, it is best not to  
use warm water, but cold, as the sudden  
change will be likely to clog the face. A  
few drops of ammonia in hard water will  
make it soft, and assist in cleansing the  
skin; but be careful not to use too much,  
as it renders the skin dry and harsh.  
Horax is better, and is better as well as a  
cleanser. A quarter of a teaspoonful to a  
bowl of water is about the proper quantity.  
Of course, using the powdered borax. A  
few drops of spirits of camphor put into the  
water once a week is good to whiten the  
skin. And occasionally a half-teaspoonful  
of elder vinegar put in instead will give  
tone and softness to the skin.

## Tid-Bits for the Table.

A pretty lunch dish for this hot August  
weather is made by simmering a teaspoon-  
ful of rice until tender in about a pint and  
a half of milk, sweetened to taste. Press  
into small cups while quite soft, and when  
thoroughly cold, turn out into saucers,  
strew fresh blackberries around them and  
pour over sweetened cream. A good way  
to treat blackberries, especially for the  
sensitive stomachs of children and dyspep-  
tics, is to get out of the berries the quanti-  
ties of young wood they contain in the  
shape of seeds, by running them through a  
wire sieve or cheese-cloth. The pulp and  
juices may then be stewed, or eaten fresh.To make blackberry wine, take one quart  
of cold water to three quarts of juice and  
three pounds of white sugar. Put these  
into a jug and leave out the cork, putting  
over the top a piece of lace. Set it in the  
cellar, shake occasionally, and next spring  
draw off carefully into bottles, which must  
be carefully corked. The longer it is kept,  
the better it will be.To make blackberry cordial for medi-  
cinal purposes, express the juice from the  
berries. Measure to the size of cutlets.  
Sprinkle them both sides with pepper and  
salt, and lay them in a well-buttered flat  
tin. Put a buttered sheet of paper on top  
them, and bake quickly in a tin oven, just  
long enough to thoroughly cook the cutlets.  
Dispose them on a dish in a circle around  
of tomatoes, and serve hot.

## Hints to the Housewives.

Are you not rejoiced that the days of  
paper shades—green, gray, brown and blue  
—are done forever! From paper we "evol-  
uted" to burlap (now sacred to kit-  
chens) then to the dazzling white roller  
blind, which still occasionally puts one's  
eyes out by its high light in glaring noons.  
In the larger cities, the next flight of fancy  
was a daring one, and red parlor blinds  
whose down every aristocratic avenue—  
only for a brief season, when the were  
relegated to quarters impossible to polite  
acquaintance. The very best and most  
artistic style is just now in vogue—that of  
soft, natural holland, embroidered in byzantine  
colors on the lower border, producing  
subdued lights and giving an effect of sober  
elegance. The striped linen blinds of this  
summer reflect foreign tastes, and are very  
pretty, especially for country houses, in the  
leaf green and flax stripes, or in the  
cool blue and white, or red and mixed with  
white—the colored stripes giving a sub-  
dued loveliness to the long, dim, summer  
sitting rooms.Instead of hemming the sides of these  
shades, a narrow silk binding should be  
stitched on and pressed very flat, which  
adds a finish and runs better on the roller.  
Plain burlap on the lower edge are prefer-  
red to fringe. These heavy linen blinds  
are not supposed to need washing or re-  
newing for eight or ten years. Practically,  
with the attentive care due good furnish-  
ings, they never need renewing. In Eng-  
lish country houses suites of furniture  
300 years old are shown in good keeping.  
But perhaps when we Americans can com-  
mand things as staunch and solid, we will  
be able to preserve them from generation  
to generation. At any rate, solid cur-  
tains, broken chairs and shabby furniture  
are powerful witnesses against the good  
breeding of a family. We may not be able  
to have elegant things, but we should at  
least look fresh and neat those that we  
have. Don't crowd your rooms with  
knick-knacks until they look like curio  
stores and pawn-shops; and don't over do  
the drapery business in the way of unneeded  
silly hangings and porticos. They cut a  
dist and vermin get moth eaten and sear  
the new generations of insects to the  
ruination of your carpets and rugs, and  
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